

The National Homegoing Celebration
for
Mother Lula C. Blake



Friday, the Sixteenth day of January
One O'clock
Two Thousand Nine

Bayview Baptist Church
6126 Benson Avenue
San Diego, California

The Right Reverend Jerry Wayne Macklin
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Officiant



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She will seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou, but thou excellest them all.

....Proverbs 31: 10-29

Order of Homegoing Service

Musical Prelude

The Processional
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop
General Officers of The Church of God In Christ, Inc.
Clergy
Blake Family

The Invocation

National Officer

Old Testament Scripture
New Testament Scripture

National Officer
National Officer

Selection

Jurisdictional Mass Choir

National, Jurisdictional and Local Representation
Please limit remarks to three minutes

Selection

Jurisdictional Mass Choir

Acknowledgements

Obituary

To be read silently

Selection

Jurisdictional Mass Choir

The Presentation of the Messenger

Eulogy

Bishop George D. McKinney
So. CA 2nd Jurisdiction

Benediction

Recessional

Pallbearers
Members of Clergy

Acknowledgements
The family will acknowledge all cards,
letters and expressions at a later date.

Honorary Pallbearers
Ministers and Deacons of
Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ
& West Angeles Cathedral

Entombment
Private family entombment will immediately follow services
Cypress View Mausoleum
San Diego, California

The Blake Family is requesting contributions be given in the name of
Lula C. Blake to The Lula C. Blake Scholarship Fund
% Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ
3805 Oceanview Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92113
Or
Save Africa's Children
P.O. Box 8386
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Final Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of:
Hartwell W. Ragsdale, III, CFSP
Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary
San Diego, California

Obituary

On October 21st in the year of our Lord 1913, a beautiful and prolific vine called Lula was planted in Strong, Arkansas in the home of Edward and Martha Champion, now deceased. She graduated from Washington High School in El Dorado, Arkansas in 1931.

Lula Champion gave her life to the Lord at an early age and dedicated herself fervently to learning the ways of the Lord. She received her primary education in El Dorado, Arkansas graduating in 1931 from Washington High School. On October 5, 1935 Lula was married to Elder Junious A. Blake, Sr., and to that blessed union was born two wonderful sons, Junious Augustus Blake, Jr. and Charles Edward Blake.

Sister Blake was the consummate mother, devoting herself to the rearing and training of her sons in the ways of the Lord and praying with them daily. She taught her sons that they were dedicated to the Lord and were to give their lives to the Lord in service.

In the year 1947, Elder J. A. Blake moved with his wife and sons to San Diego, California as Pastor of Jackson Memorial Church of God In Christ.

Sister Blake worked faithfully and tirelessly with her husband in the ministry of the church. She considered no task "too menial," or beneath her dignity and worked wherever she was needed to assist in the work of the ministry.

She served at one time or another as the Purity Class Leader, member of the Deaconess Board, member of the Choir, Sunday School Teacher, Prayer and Bible Band Leader, Hospitality Committee, President of the Ministers Wives Group and in many other capacities during the many years that she served faithfully by the side of her husband.

At every level of her husband's meteoric rise to leadership in the Church of God In Christ, Sister Blake rose to the occasion and served with diligence and dignity, and was loved and highly regarded by all who knew her and whose lives she touched.

Mother Blake, as she came to be known in her later years, was also a stalwart advocate of higher education. She encouraged all of the young as well as the adults to pursue college as a goal, and contributed financially on a consistent basis to a wide variety of scholarship funds.

Mother Blake's sincere dedication to the education of young people was evidenced by her personally providing tuition for several non-family youth to private education institutions. For many years the Lula Blake Scholarship Fund has been a blessing to countless young people.

Mother Blake lived out the golden years of her life in the loving homes of her sons and went quietly to be with the Lord on Monday, January 12, 2009 at the age of ninety-five.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bishop Junious Augustus Blake, Sr. and her first born grandson, Junious Augustus Blake, III.

She leaves the Blake legacy to two sons, J. A. Blake, Jr. and Charles Edward Blake, Sr.; two daughters-in-law, Dorothy L. Blake and Mae Lawrence Blake; five grandchildren, Kimberly Blake-Ludlow (Martin), James "Randy" Blake (Cecily), Charles E. Blake II (DeAndra), Jon Christopher Blake (Mariea), and Lawrence Champion Blake (Jeanine); Joseph and Jared Ferrell, Maya, Desmond and Martin Ludlow II, Charles III, Jean, Macy and Lawrence Champion Blake II, Aeiramique Glass, Wenzdai, Randi, Chrisjon, Leah and Dahlia Blake; and sons and daughters in the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.